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## CURRENT LOCAL LAGONICS.

Brief Mention of What Is Going On In and About Titusville.

Send your watches for repairs to W. M. Woodward, Titusville. Work guaranteed.

Mr. J. P. Wilson received his new racicle in 20-inch racing frame yesterday afternoon which he has agency for.

Sunday services at the Presbyterian church: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:15 p. m.

County Solicitor M. Goldsmith was called to Georgiana again on some legal business Wednesday afternoon.

The houseboat Cruiser, of Miami, and a party on board, has been stopping at this place for several days the past week.

Mr. J. E. Bowman has just placed about a hundred McFarland tents over his trees at his Mims grove and home place.

One of the Heywood Celebrities is in town for the purpose of arranging for a date if possible for one of their high grade musical entertainments.

Mr. Geo. G. Gleason, superintendent of the I. R. & B. B. I. N. company, whose headquarters are now at Rockledge, was in town Wednesday on business.

We have an unexcelled display of sweaters and blue flannel shirts suitable for outing purposes, at THE EAGLE CLOTHING STORE.

We regret to learn that Mr. Wade Jones, son of our esteemed citizen and circuit judge, M. S. Jones, has been quite ill this week. We hope to see him out fully recovered at an early date.

Mrs. F. T. Budge returned to her home in Miami on the fast train Wednesday afternoon, after having spent several very pleasant weeks here with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. James Pritchard.

For several days past a large force of workmen has been engaged in clearing away the debris from Frank T. Budge's corner, Miami, preparatory to the erection of a new three-story building.

The indications for a light freeze in this vicinity last night were very favorable, but about 10 o'clock in the night the temperature stopped falling and stood the same early this morning, viz: 34 degrees.

The chainless is the coming wheel, nearly everyone admits that. The Crescent chainless is the biggest value ever offered at \$50, and we are prepared to prove it to you at any time. E. B. Wager.

Mrs. W. R. Walker, Jr., and the baby left Tuesday afternoon for Melbourne, where she will remain for a few days to be present at the marriage of her brother, Mr. C. F. Conkling, to Miss Carrie M. Brown, which will occur next week.

An experimental citrus farm is to be established in Dade county by the board of trustees of the State Agricultural college, and Boca Ratone has been selected for its location. A superintendent has already been employed and work commenced.

Archdeacon B. F. Brown attended the eighth annual convocation of the Episcopal Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida, which convened at Orlando Tuesday, January 23rd. Bishop Gray has retained Mr. Brown as one of the examining chaplains for 1900.

An article in the Sunday edition of the Times-Union and Citizen states that Mr. T. A. Chastain (a former resident of Titusville) will start up there shortly the manufacture of beveled French mirrors, he having ascertained the secret of making the genuine article.

The houseboat Edna C., belonging to Mr. Mace, of New York, was launched from her long resting place, just north of the Simonson place, Monday and carried around to the wharf at the Indian River hotel, where the vessel will be rigged and gotten in readiness for a trip down the river.

Mr. W. L. May, of Jacksonville, who has been holding the position of foreman in the mechanical department of the McFarland Fruit Protection company for the past few weeks, returned to Jacksonville Wednesday afternoon, where he will take up some business interests of his own and push them.

The little sailboat owned by Leonard Griffis was swamped off this place Monday afternoon during the furious norther that was blowing then. Griffis was rescued by Messrs. Harry Watton and Andrew Jackson, who were not far behind him in a much larger boat. The anchor was thrown overboard from the little boat and she capsized after she was left there. The launch Erl King, Capt. Schuyler, noticed the capsized boat anchored the next day and for a while it was supposed that Griffis was drowned, but the explanation as above given soon quieted that theory.

## CAKE WALK.

The First of a Series of Local Entertainments to Be Given.

A concert and cake walk was given at the opera house Tuesday night which was quite largely attended when it is taken into consideration the affair was very quickly arranged. Indian River band, which is now playing an excellent class of music, and who acquitted themselves so creditably at Sanford last week as to win encomiums of praise generally, rendered the following excellent programme:

Overture, Impromptu.....Dalby  
Minerva Waltzes.....Miller  
Two-Step, Belle of Mobile.....Zita  
Waltz, Sweet Dreams.....Kiefer  
Two-Step, Happy Days In Dixie.....Mills  
Waltz song, In the Shadow of the Pines Lang  
Overture, Encore.....Barnham  
Cake walk, Jasper Jenkins, the Cake Walk  
Coon.

It is very noticeable that the members of our band, now that they have quite mastered the art of execution in their extensive list of pieces, have given considerable attention to the higher points in expression, tone shading and harmonizing, which are only rendered by experienced players. They have made wonderful improvement within the past few months, and Titusville has just reason to be proud of this organization.

When the cake walk was struck up a number of our young men flocked into the spacious hall from an adjoining room to the spirited rag-time music and entered the cake walk contest. The costumes were all strictly negro make-up and dress. The decision of the judges finally resulted in the award of the first prize of \$3 to Messrs. Jim Greek and Bert Ives, as Babe and Rosa; the second to Ed E. Knox and Phil Wright, amount, \$2.

The proceeds of the evening amounted to about \$24, which will go toward a fund for the purchase of new uniforms. A series of entertainments is to be given for this purpose.

Pure Australian lamb's wool underwear \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 per suit at THE EAGLE CLOTHING STORE.

## Tent Protection.

Mr. W. H. McFarland returned from his trip to Sanford, Enterprise and Orange City Monday afternoon. At the cassava convention he made an address and gave an exhibition of his quick action protection tent for orange trees, several of which he carried with him there. It is to be regretted that some miscreants nearly ruined his tents on the night of his arrival there by cutting them. Mr. McFarland informs us that it is highly probable that he will have a contract to cover the orange groves of the Travelers' Insurance company and those of the Standard Oil company. The latter has a number of groves near Citra. These two contracts would keep the factory going a long time into the summer months.

When ordering groceries for all staples send to W. J. Crayford, Titusville, Fla. We can please you.

## SPECIAL FAST EXPRESS.

Southern Express Company Will Help the Truck Growers.

The Southern Express company has just perfected arrangements with the railroads to operate a train of their own between Florida points and eastern cities. The train will be made up solely of express cars, and will make a schedule equaling in speed the very fastest passenger trains, thereby giving to the truck growers of Florida many market advantages that have not heretofore been possible.

This service will start February 3rd, and will make only seven stops between Savannah and Jersey City, and will run daily except Monday.

President M. J. O'Brien, of the Southern Express company, is making a tour of the lower east coast. It is believed that he will endeavor to make arrangements during his visit to secure a fast special express train over the East Coast railway, to connect with the proposed special to northern points. Such a train was operated last season, and proved a boon to the truck growers.

For thoroughbred poultry and poultry supplies of all kinds write E. W. Amsden, Ormond, Fla.

## NOTICE.

The city tax books are now open at the court house every day, Sunday excepted, from 9 to 11 a. m., and from 1 to 2 p. m. M. S. JONES, JR., Tax Collector.

## Boat and Yacht Sails.

Fit and workmanship guaranteed. Fish boat sails a specialty. Send for estimate. H. BESECKE, Titusville Florida.

## LATEST NEWS AND INCIDENTS.

Matters of Interest That Are Happening Around Town.

Mr. P. S. Smith, reporter for the Mutual Mercantile agency, New York, arrived in town yesterday from Miami.

Rev. A. C. Sirdefield will preach at Hardeeville and City Point next Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. and 2 p. m. respectively.

Mr. E. J. Seymour arrived home Saturday after taking orders for the McFarland orange tent in Orange City and vicinity.

Mr. W. M. Featherly, formerly of the Miami Metropolis, has gone north, and will visit his old home in Michigan before returning to Miami.

Capt. C. F. Fischer arrived safely at Nuevitas, Cuba, on January 25th. The steamer Half Moon has changed name and is now called Prochayka, probably Spanish name for Half Moon.

Archdeacon B. F. Brown will hold divine service at Jupiter Friday, Feb. 2nd, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Waveland-Jensen Sunday at 10:30 a. m.; Eden at 3:30 p. m.; Fort Pierce Monday at 7:30 p. m.

We are offering an all wool gents' half hose, Jaegers' manufacture, in gray and black, at 25 and 40 cents; a comfortable hose for cold weather. THE EAGLE CLOTHING STORE.

Mr. Fentress Davis has purchased the brand new Stearns bicycle that was received Wednesday by E. B. Wager. It's a daisy, and tips the beam at only 21½ pounds with road tires. Charlie Revels has just purchased a Crescent this week.

Mr. E. H. Forbush and family, of Malden, Mass., who arrived here in November last and have been stopping on Banana river with Mr. W. C. Peterson, returned home Tuesday. Mr. Peterson bringing them over in his boat Monday.

Messrs. Louis Bagger & Co., patent attorneys, of Washington, D. C., report to THE STAR that on Tuesday of last week, Jan. 23rd, Mr. W. H. McFarland, a resident of this place, obtained a valuable patent for improvements in a protection tent for trees.

Mr. E. S. Martin, of Chicago, traveling salesman for Messrs. E. C. DeWitt & Co., of that city, paid Titusville a business call yesterday on his way down the coast. DeWitt's medicines are well known and advertised in this section and will continue to be carried in stock here by Dr. B. R. Wilson & Son.

The next meeting of the Gilberts Bar Yacht club will be held on Saturday, the 17th inst., when an amendment to the constitution will be considered and also the proposition to move the club house to the west side of the river will be taken up for action. All members who can attend this meeting should be present.

Mr. T. C. Walden, of Chicago, representing the Monarch sales department of the American Bicycle company, and Mr. J. R. Werner, of New York, representing the Featherstone department of the same company, were in Titusville last Friday and Saturday to interview E. B. Wager in the interest of the companies they represent.

Mr. E. F. Cooley, of Lansing, Mich., arrived here last Friday afternoon, as announced in THE STAR of last week, accompanied by his friend, Mr. F. To-mann, also of Lansing. They started south in the launch Whistling Wednesday and will cruise at least as far as Miami. Last winter Mr. Cooley went as far as Key West.

The finest line of wheels ever offered in this section can be seen on exhibition now at the room of the Florida Cycle company, comprising the following: Columbia, Orient, Stearns, Rambler and Ideal, Crescent, Monarch, Niagara, Dixie with the Tribune to be added. Prices ranging from \$25 to \$50. The most fastidious taste can certainly be pleased.

Dr. J. D. Fancher, representing the Foley remedies, of Chicago, which are pronounced most excellent in their respective lines, was in town last week and remained over Sunday ere leaving for down river points. The doctor is a very pleasant talker and entertaining gentleman as well as a good business man, and will undoubtedly work up a good business in this state for the company he is representing.

Owing to other pressing business engagements the Melbourne correspondent of THE STAR has been forced to give up his services to us, and as a result that place has not been represented in our columns for a week or so, but we hope to secure a new correspondent by next week, so our subscribers there will please bear in mind that we have not overlooked them nor forgotten them. The circumstances were unavoidable and we regret very much to lose the services of our past correspondent.

## THE PROPOSED CANAL.

County Surveyor's Report to the Governor In Favor of the Canal.

Last week THE STAR mentioned the fact that the proposed canal from the upper St. Johns leading into Indian river would be so constructed as not to injure navigation on the upper St. Johns. Our information was given us by Mr. J. O. Fries, our county surveyor, who has formulated a very interesting report in the shape of a letter to Governor Bloxham on this matter, from which the following paragraphs are taken.

Mr. Fries says: "I have examined the section lines and corners in the vicinity east and northeast of Lake Washington. I found the map very inaccurate, the lines dim and the corners missing. I made two lines favorable for such a proposed canal. Both are about 3 1-2 miles long and which one is the best will have to be determined by a more careful survey. The fall by these lines would be about 19 feet.

"In order to avoid a possible complaint against injury to navigation on the St. Johns river I propose to dig a very wide canal (about 100 feet) but very shallow, making the average stage of water in Lake Washington level with the bottom of the canal. Whenever the lake, therefore, is at its average height or below the same, not a drop of water will be taken from the St. Johns. It is only when the water in the river is above its average height that the water commences to flow in the canal increasing the volume of water carried with the increasing height of water in the St. Johns.

"Such a canal would have the advantage over a narrow deep canal; that it is easier maintained, cheaper to build, less dangerous to stock and less liable to wash. "Any objection of fishermen on the Indian river to the canal on the grounds that the fresh water of the St. Johns would injure the saltiness of that stream is folly, as the amount of salt water contributed from its numerous creeks and inlets would be amply sufficient to overcome any effects of the small amount of fresh water that would go into it.

"I find from a rough calculation it would take a daily flow of water to its uttermost capacity (one hundred and fifty million gallons per day) fifty days to raise the Indian river north of the inlet at Fort Pierce one foot as the high status of water in the St. Johns never lasts that long, and at the same time the Fort Pierce or Indian River inlet is capable of carrying off many times more water than would be received by the canal, it seems ridiculous that the saltiness of water in the Indian river would be hurt.

"Such a canal would be of vast benefit to cattle owners, greatly lessening their loss by floods and redeeming for cultivation thousands of acres of land now overflooded a greater portion of the time."

From this rough report it would seem that such a canal as that proposed would not be as dangerous to navigation on the upper St. Johns as was at first supposed, and it may be that when other data has been secured that the committee of the Jacksonville board of trade will be in a position to take a more favorable view of the project.

## MUST BE SOLD!

My stock of lumber and building material will be sold at greatly reduced prices in order to prepare for the opening of my big yard in Palatka. Send me your orders.

G. F. PADDISON,  
Eau Gallie, Fla.

## Cassava Convention.

The opera house at Sanford was packed with hundreds of earnest cassava growers and some of the leading women of that city when the cassava convention was opened by Mr. George H. Fernald on Thursday of last week.

The morning programme consisted of prayer by Rev. Charles H. Campbell, a cordial address of welcome by Mayor Welbourne, responded to by Capt. R. E. Rose, chairman, and Stephen Powers, secretary, and music by the Indian River band, of Titusville.

At the afternoon session Prof. H. E. Stockbridge made an admirable address on the culture and uses of cassava. Prof. E. E. Ewell, of the United States department of agriculture, gave instructions in a speech on the culture and uses of cassava products. A great number of questions were asked and answers given by practical growers. President F. G. Perkins, of the Lake Mary Manufacturing company, responded to a question searching practical questions to date.

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## HORTICULTURAL QUARANTINE.

How Diseases Incident to Orange Trees Spread to Different Countries.

From the Times-Union and Citizen.

Senator Perkins, of California, has introduced a bill to forbid the importation of any nursery stock, plants, vines, buds, cuttings or fruit from any foreign country unless subjected to rigid inspection at the port of entry. This bill emanates from a state which is the most wide-awake in this direction, because it has suffered most from insect and fungous diseases on account of its dry salubrious climate. The San Jose scale was unjustly named after that beautiful city, when really it was an importation from Chili. But Chili merely gave it a birthplace; California disseminated it over Christendom. From the Golden state it came to New Jersey, and thence, among many other states, to Florida, where it has already eaten an ugly hole in the orchards of West Florida. It keeps breaking out in new places; it is as odious and irrepressible as the small-pox. It has damaged the reputation of our fruits in Europe as much as tuberculosis and "embalmed beef" have our meats.

From about 1842 to 1847 scale insects of various kinds practically wiped out the orange industry in Florida; they ran their course, unchecked, until finally nature restored her system of checks and balances, and the trees slowly recovered. About eight or ten years ago the orange groves of California were as near to destruction from the ravages of the cottony cushion scale as were those of Florida at a previous date; but science has made such immense advancement that the natural enemy of this scale was found in Australia and imported, and the orange industry was rescued from impending doom. In both states, if an effective horticultural quarantine had existed, doubtless both could have been spared the losses of many thousands of dollars.

At this day the orange growers of California are filled with apprehension lest the disgusting orange worm of Morelos may be introduced into that state. This may well be called the leprosy of the orange, and every grower—in Florida as well as in California—should earnestly labor to secure a law which will effectually protect our industry.

The delicacy constituted and delicious fruits of a high civilization are more subject to insect and fungous diseases than those of barbarism. This is one of the penalties of advanced culture, and their cultivators must contend for them more strenuously. The odious diseases, the bubonic plague, the yellow fever, the leprosy of the tropics, can be fenced out of our country only by ceaseless vigilance at our seaports, so with the destructive pests which assail our exquisite horticultural products. Americans are the cleanest, most wholesome people on earth; they have the inborn right to protect themselves and their products against the vilest.

Several years ago there was a real or assumed crusade carried on in Germany against the insect and fungous pests claimed to be found on American fruits. It was nearly as preposterous as the former action of the Chinese, who excluded outsiders as "foreign devils." The simple fact was, American fruits and trees were cleaner than German, and always had been; the trouble was that our people talked too much about such pests in the newspapers. Recently, German scientists have been making further investigations, and the results have been satisfying as to the clean and healthful character of American fruits. They now admit that there no danger is to be apprehended from them, and the government has agreed to admit both green and dried fruits, subject to tariff and simple inspection. France and Switzerland followed Germany's original lead in this matter, and now doubtless they will follow suit again.

American fruits are good enough for anybody; there is no need to import foreign trees and cuttings. If the diseases affected only the importers and their orchards and nurseries, we would give ourselves little concern, but they spread and pollute whole communities.

## Passenger Books Restored.

The passenger agents of Florida railroads met in Jacksonville Tuesday and decided to restore the sale of 1,000 copies of books on all roads running through Florida, the sale to go into effect February 1st.

This is in line with the policy reached by the Florida railroad commission and the Plant System, which was announced on Monday. The books will be reached by the Florida railroad commission and the Plant System, which was announced on Monday. The books will be reached by the Florida railroad commission and the Plant System, which was announced on Monday.